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Confirmation No.: 1733

Re: Allowed U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/944,109; Filed: September 4, 2001
For: **Valve Gate Assembly for Injection Molding**
Inventor: Denis BABIN
Our Ref: 2107.1200000/TUM/ALF

Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated June 3, 2004, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
3. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312;
4. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
5. Six (6) sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-12), approval of which is respectfully requested;
6. One (1) return postcard; and
7. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,630.00 to cover:
\$1,330.00 Issue Fee; and
\$ 300.00 Publication Fee.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are six sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1-12, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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